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COUNTY LIBRARIAN

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR CONSUMER HEALTH EDUCATION SEMINARS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the American Library Association, which is funded by Walgreens, to allow the Public Library to participate in a national consumer health education project, "Be Well Informed@ your library", by hosting four quarterly consumer health education seminars at five libraries throughout the County between November 2004 and November 2005.
2. Authorize the County Librarian to act on the County's behalf regarding the completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant program, to expend the funds necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant.
3. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$25,000 to allow the purchase of consumer health information books and other necessary services and supplies to facilitate the seminars.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting that the Board accept a one-time grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the American Library Association, which is funded by Walgreens, to allow the

Public Library to participate in a national consumer health education project, "Be Well Informed@your library", to enhance the understanding of consumer health issues by American adults. The purpose of the grant is to promote the library and local Walgreens pharmacists as community resources for consumer health information.

The Public Library will host a series of four quarterly consumer health education seminars at five libraries between November 2004 and November 2005 at the following libraries: Montebello, Carson, San Fernando, Clifton M. Brakensiek in Bellflower, and West Covina. In addition to the seminars, a core collection of consumer health materials will be available at the seminar sites.

Your approval of the attached appropriation adjustment will allow the Public Library to purchase consumer health information books and other necessary services and supplies to facilitate the seminars.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The grant will result in quality library services to the public, consistent with the County's strategic goals in the areas of service excellence and children and families' well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant will provide funding for enhanced library services to the public at no additional cost to the County. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management Statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

The consumer health education project is funded by Walgreens and administered by the American Library Association. The grant agreement is between the American Library Association and the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

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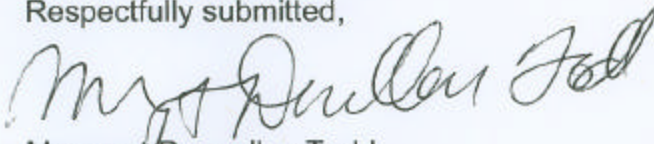
Of ten library jurisdictions participating in this project nationally, the County of Los Angeles Public Library was selected as one of two in California to host consumer health education seminars. Local Walgreens pharmacists will teach the seminars. The topics are being selected by a national advisory committee, and are being developed to assist adults in response to an Institute of Medicine health literacy report that found that people with a poor understanding of health information were more likely to be hospitalized or visit emergency rooms. The Medicare Drug Discount Card Program, which is the first topic chosen, is a federal program.

Although the Public Library has not spent any of the grant funds, the first quarterly seminar was conducted in three libraries prior to Board approval of the grant due to the timing requirements of the program. Offering the first quarterly seminar about the Medicare Drug Discount Program during November and early December is time critical to allow low-income seniors to be better informed if they choose to apply for credit under the program by the December 31 deadline. The first quarterly seminar in the other two libraries is scheduled for early December.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The grant will promote the library as a community resource for consumer health information. It will also establish core consumer health information collections at the targeted libraries.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Librarian

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

DEPT'S. 461
No.

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THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
(4 Votes)Financing SourcesPublic Library
Non-Recurring Misc Revenue
B06-PL-41200-9711

\$25,000

Financing UsesPublic Library-ACO Fund
Services and Supplies
B06-PL-41200-2000

\$25,000

Provides appropriations to finance the cost of administering consumer health education seminars in selected libraries, funded by a grant from Walgreens/American Library Association.



Michael Hanks, Head, Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

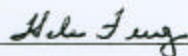
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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